Poor Houses in the State.

92. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Will the Government be pleased to state the name of Town or Towns where the Government have constructed Poor Houses with extent of accommodation in each?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—A Poor House has been constructed at Ernakulam and it provides accommodation for 40 inmates (20 males and 20 females). There is, at present, no other Poor House.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Do the Government propose to construct Poor Houses ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— Government will consider the problem when Government is convinced that there is a real necessity for the Poor Houses.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Was not a definite undertaking given on the floor of this House by the previous Secretary that Poor Houses on the model of the Ernakulam Poor House will be started in Trichur and Mattancheri ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— If the Government find it necessary.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Is the Hon'ble Member going back from his promise ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— Government have not given an assurance that Poor Houses will be started elsewhere on the model of Ernakulam. The question will be considered when the necessity for them will be brought home to the Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Is the Government aware that beggars are dying in streets and in front of shops in important towns like Trichur, in the Thekkinkat Maidan for want of a place to lie in to die ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— I do not think that such information has been brought home to the Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Will the Member for Police tell us whether there have been cases of men dying on the streets and the police had to remove such bodies from such places ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.— I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Is it the position that a promise once made on the floor of the House need not be kept up ?

Mr. President:— That question need not be answered since it has already been answered.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— May I know the number of inmates residing in the Poor House at Ernakulam ?

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Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Is there any means of properly tackling this problem of taking the poor wandering people and putting them in the Poor Houses and tempting them to live there ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—I am not in a position to answer that question.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon:— Will the Government take up the question of introducing a legislation as suggested by the Hon'ble Member for Ernakulam South ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— Government will consider the question when necessity arises, and if necessity exists.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Has the Government ascertained why the poor people go away after two or three days from the Poor House ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon:— They are habituated to this sort of life. That institution requires a certain amount of discipline.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:— When a beggar was asked why he did not like to live in the Poor House he answered that he could earn more than he could by living in the Poor House and further told me that if he were to live in the Poor House there will be nobody to provide for his family. The Hon'ble Member on the other side I hope will agree with me.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— They all refused to go inside.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:— There are instances where I myself have taken beggars to the poor house and after a few hours they have disappeared.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— Yes.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— Do the Government by this answer mean that Poor Houses are not necessary ?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Was not this question raised in the Standing Finance Committee Meeting ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— In the Standing Finance Committee one of the members suggested that a poor house may be constructed at Trichur and another at Mattancheri.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— May I know what action was taken ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— It was noted.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— What is the object of noting such things ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— A current file is opened and remarks on the matter from the Heads of Departments noted in it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Was a current file opened and further enquiries instituted on this question ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I think it is being done.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan:—Is begging prohibited by Law in England ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:— Yes, in certain places and certain kinds of begging.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ:—ഈ യാചകന്മാരിൽ കുഷ്ഠരോഗം പിടിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളവർ വല്ലവരും ഉള്ളതായിട്ട് ഗവൺമെൻറിന്റെ ദൃഷ്ടിയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഡാക്ടർ ഡി. രാഘവേന്ദ്രറാവു:— ഉണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ:—ഈ രോഗം പകരാതിരിപ്പാൻ അവരെ അഡ്മൂർ ആസ്പത്രിയിലേയ്ക്ക് അയയ്ക്കുവാനോ മറ്റോ തീർച്ചയാക്കീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

പ്രസിഡൻറ്:— ഇപ്പോഴത്തെ ചോദ്യത്തിൽനിന്നും വളരെ അകലെയുള്ള ഒരു സപ്ലിമെൻററി ചോദ്യമാണിത്.

Reports in the newspapers regarding the existence of a new and hidden power called "ഗ്രഹശക്തി".

93. Mr. P. Raman Menon:—(1) Are the Government aware of the reports and descriptions seen in the newspapers about the existence of a new and hidden power called "ഗ്രഹശക്തി" in the State;

(2) will the Government be pleased to verify the truth or otherwise of those reports and check it and crush it in case its existence and interference are brought home to them ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—(1) Yes. Government have seen reports in the newspapers.

(2) Government do not think it worthwhile to verify the truth or otherwise of such reports.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Has the Government taken any steps to ascertain whether it is a true fact or not ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Government did not think it worth-while to ascertain whether it is true or otherwise.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Am I to understand that it does not matter to the Government whether it is true or not ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Government did not think it essential for the discharge of their responsibilities as Government or in the interests of the Public to embark upon such enquiries.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Has the Government felt that ?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar:—Government have not felt and Government cannot be.

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